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Mr. MCCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2231]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 2231) to effect entry of a minor child adopted or to be adopted by a United States citizen, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to provide for the admission into the United States of a minor Norwegian child who is to be adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr., citizens of the United States. The child would be considered to be a nonquota immigrant which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a little girl who was born in Norway in the latter part of September 1951. On a trip to Norway Congressman and Mrs. Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr., visited the Minister of Welfare of Norway and after discussing their problems with him decided to adopt the 1-week-old baby.

Senator Lyndon Johnson, the author of the bill, has submitted to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary the following letter from Congressman Bentsen, which reads in part as follows:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D. C., October 6, 1951.

Senator LYNDON JOHNSON,
Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR JOHNSON: I am taking the liberty of writing to you on a personal matter, which is of great concern to me.

We have just returned from a trip to Europe, during which time we visited the Minister of Welfare of Norway, and discussed our problems with him. He showed us a little girl who was a week old at that time, and would be approximately 2 weeks old today. We carefully investigated her parentage and found it excellent. She is of Norwegian birth, and my ancestry is Scandinavian. The child is physically perfect in every respect.

Congressman Walters is introducing a private bill on the House side to accomplish the entry of the child, which we would adopt if we are successful in obtaining her entry. I am including a copy of this bill, which will be introduced when the House convenes.

Mrs. Bentsen and I are very desirous of having the child in our home, where we can give it our care now that we have made this decision, and I would appreciate very much if you could see your way clear to introducing an identical bill on the Senate side at the earliest opportunity, so that it can be enacted into law before the end of this session.

Thank you for your cooperation, and with kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

LLOYD BENTSEN.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 2231) should be enacted.

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